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BOD-OUT-10-2019 – Board Update

Dear Scouter,

The Board is happy to advise the membership that we have received communication from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs of a commitment to an increase in our Annual Grant funding to support the enhancement of our safeguarding capability. This increase in funding may be seen as an indication of confidence from the Minister, that we are on the right path in meeting the challenges that have arisen in this area and an encouragement to continue on this path.

We are very appreciative of the support of the Minister in approving in principle this increase and look forward to providing her with the necessary reports of our developments in governance and safeguarding later this quarter to facilitate a commitment to the continuance of our funding and to a brighter future for Scouting Ireland.

Furthermore we are now in a position where we have a comprehensive understanding of our historical sex abuse files as a result of a robust cataloguing process. Below is a summary of the figures as of 30th January 2019:

- Alleged Complainants – 313
- Person Suspected of Alleged Abuse – 237
- Individuals reporting calls to Scouting Irelands Helpline – 175

All reports of abuse made to Scouting Irelands Safeguarding department have been reported to the relevant statutory authorities. All calls to Scouting Irelands helpline have reported incidents of sexual abuse prior to 1998.

All figures reported prior to the cataloguing are preliminary, rolling figures while this process was being completed. This cataloguing, which was analysed recently, can now provide us with a far clearer picture of the content of SI Safeguarding files.

Yours in Scouting,

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